

Outdoor Report

The week of March 30th, 2015



South Dakota



Wildlife Division

"Serving People, Managing Wildlife"

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- The 2015 light goose conservation order runs from February 14th – May 3rd, statewide. Snow Geese are moving through the area now.
 - Season is closed for walleye, pike, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass on all MN/SD border waters until April 17th.
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Brown County



Fishing Report:

Richmond Lake: No fishing activity. The ice is off the lake.

Elm Lake: No fishing activity. The ice is off the lake.

James River: Anglers have been catching walleye and northern pike. Most of the walleye being caught are 14 to 16 inches. Anglers have been fishing by the gates at Sand Lake Refuge and Weismantel Grade.

Elm River: Fishing has been slow.



Hunting Report:

Light Geese: There are decent numbers of snow geese throughout Brown County. Good congregations of snow geese are using Scatterwood Lake and Putney Slough. These geese seem to be moving around a lot. With the nice weather moving in this week, we might see the geese migrating north throughout the week. Hunters using decoys had decent success this weekend.

Clark County



Fishing Report:

Ice is over 50% off all the lakes in Clark County.

Dry Lake #2: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike.

Dry Lake #1: Fishermen are catching an occasional walleye.

Antelope Lake: Fishermen are catching a few northern pike.

Casey's Slough: Fishermen are catching a few walleye. Most of the walleye are less than 14 inches, but a few nicer fish are being caught.

Swan Lake: Fishermen are catching a few northern pike and an occasional walleye.

Baileys Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are catching a few walleye, with the occasional 20+ inch fish.

Indian Springs: Fishermen are catching a few walleye and northern pike.



Hunting Report:

Waterfowl: The light goose season is currently open. There are still a good number of birds around. A majority of the birds can be found in the eastern portion of the county. Hunters reported some better success this past week and weekend.

Codington County



Fishing Report:

Pelican Lake: A little shore fishing activity has started with no reports of any fish as of yet.

Lake Kampeska: Fishing has picked up again on the north end of the lake by City Park. Fishermen are reporting a good crappie bite along with some perch. A few walleye were being reported during the evening.

Dry Lake: Some shore fishing in the evenings with a few walleye being caught.

Goose Lake: Some shore fishing along the Grover road with a few walleye being caught.

Long Lake: No fishing pressure while the lake is in transition to open water.

Grass Lake: No angler reports.

3rd Ave Pond: Still offering good opportunity in and around town to catch bluegill, trout or sunfish.

Stink: No angler reports. Still in transition to open water.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: Snow geese are still present in the county, especially in the western half.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Ice fishing in Day County has subsided with the recent warm weather. Ice conditions have depleted greatly and many of the lakes are not accessible due to the shoreline thawing.

Bitter: Shore fishermen have started to fish in open water found mainly on the northwest portion of the lake. Those fishing are mainly catching 2 to 3 lbs. northern pike and walleye in several age classes.

Waubay: A few areas on the lake have opened up to fish from shore. Fishermen have had success catching northern pike in several age classes on several different baits.

Reetz: Little fishing activity.

Lynn: Little fishing activity.

Enemy Swim: Little fishing activity.



Hunting Report:

Goose: Snow goose numbers have leveled off over the past week. Several large concentrations of geese have been reported throughout the county. High winds over the weekend grounded a large portion of the geese. Activity over the next few days early in the week should increase with the warmer weather and a continued push of juvenile snow geese through the area.

Deuel County



Fishing Report:

Lake Alice: There has been some fishing activity. Most anglers have been fishing by the culvert on the southwest corner of the lake. A few anglers have been fishing the east shoreline as well. Most of the reports have been primarily northern pike, but a few walleye are mixed in as well.

Lake Cochrane: No fishing activity.

Lake Oliver: No fishing activity.

Lake Ketchum: No fishing activity.

Clear Lake: A few guys have been fishing by the culvert on the north side of the lake, but aren't having much success.

Fish Lake: No fishing activity.

School: No fishing activity.

Round: No fishing activity.

Bullhead: No fishing activity.



Hunting Report:

Spring Light Goose: Most of the birds have left the county.

Faulk County



Fishing Report:

Lakes are beginning to open up.

Lake Faulkton: No activity.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: The juvenile snow geese are just beginning to show up. Field hunters are beginning to harvest a lot more birds this past weekend. The migration will likely be over within the next week. Scatterwood Lake area has the highest concentration of birds in the area.

Grant County



Fishing Report:

Big Stone Lake: There has been very little fishing activity.

Summit Lake: A few anglers have tried fishing, but there have not been any reports of activity.

Hunters Quarry: No report of activity

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Lake Poinsett: Very little fishing pressure, but a little shore fishing is taking place. The occasional walleye or pike are being caught.

Fedt Slough: No fishing activity.

Three Buck: No fishing activity.

Clear Lake (Thomas): Very little fishing activity.

Lake Norden: No fishing activity.

Lake Albert: A few shore fisherman reported catching a few small walleye on Lake Albert, but the bite continues to be slow.

Lakes John/Marry: Some shore fishing activity.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: Still some small flocks of snow geese moving through the western half of the county.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

Most area lakes are still iced over. No fishing activity observed.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: Goose hunters will find most of the geese in the western portion of the county. Be sure to obtain permission before entering private land.

McPherson & Edmunds Counties



Fishing Report:

No activity.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: Snow geese are still moving through this area. Most of the geese are coming through the Ipswich to Roscoe area. Mornings and evenings are the best time to hunt. Hunters in the field with decoys are having the best luck. Hunters pass shooting are also having some luck. There are plenty of snow geese still in this area.

Roberts County



Fishing Report:

Lake Traverse: No activity due to poor ice conditions.

Dry Wood Lake: Ice fishing is dead, but anglers are trying their luck off the grade. Overall, slow.



Hunting Report:

Snow Geese: There are some snow geese in the northwestern portion of the county, giving hunters an opportunity to harvest a few geese.

Spink County



Fishing Report:

Twin Lake: Anglers are beginning to try shore fishing. They aren't having much success yet.

Mud Lake: No fishing activity.

Cottonwood Lake: Anglers are starting to shore fish on the south end. They are picking up decent numbers of walleyes. The average size is above last year, around 15 inches.

Redfield Lake: Anglers are fishing below the spillway with minimal success.



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